



Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Pilot

Coalition: Naugatuck Valley and Danbury, CT

Outreach and Special Projects Staff (5105)

Quick Reference Fact Sheet

EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. EPA is funding: assessment demonstration pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to assess brownfields sites and to test cleanup and redevelopment models; job training pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to provide training for residents of communities affected by brownfields to facilitate cleanup of brownfields sites and prepare trainees for future employment in the environmental field; and, cleanup revolving loan fund programs (each funded up to \$500,000 over five years) to capitalize loan funds to make loans for the environmental cleanup of brownfields. These pilot programs are intended to provide EPA, states, tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

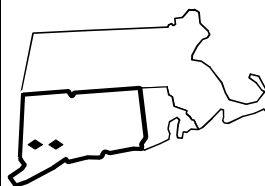
BACKGROUND

The Naugatuck Valley/Danbury, Connecticut Coalition will target the City of Danbury and the Naugatuck Valley communities, which include Derby, Ansonia, Seymour, Oxford, Beacon Falls, Naugatuck, Waterbury, Watertown, and Thomaston. These communities share the difficult legacy of over 50 known brownfields properties. Naugatuck Valley brownfield sites include several former metal finishing and brass manufacturing sites. Environmental justice is a significant concern for the specific areas currently under examination. The neighborhoods in, or adjacent to, these areas contain significant minority populations and pockets of high unemployment.

BCRLF OBJECTIVES

The objective of the BCRLF is to return the various brownfield sites to productive reuse. In Danbury, target sites include the Mallory Hat Factory site and the 13 Barnum Court site. The two most likely candidates in the Valley include the Derby Revitalization District and a site in downtown Waterbury. Other possible sites include the Plume and Atwood site in Thomaston, the 11 Jansen Street site in Danbury, and other properties in Watertown, Ansonia, and Waterbury.

PILOT SNAPSHOT



Date of Announcement:
May 2000

Amount: \$850,000:
\$500,000 (Danbury)
\$350,000 (Naugatuck Valley)

BCRLF Target Area:
Naugatuck Valley and Danbury, CT

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Visit the EPA Region 1 Brownfields web site at:
www.epa.gov/region01/waste/brown/index.htm

For further information, including specific Pilot contacts, additional Pilot information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at:
<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>

FUND STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS

The Valley Regional Planning Agency will serve as lead agency. The US Army Corps of Engineers will act as site manager. The Naugatuck Valley Development Corporation will serve as fund manager.

LEVERAGING OTHER RESOURCES

Other sources of cleanup funds to be considered in conjunction with the BCRLF include the Connecticut Clean Water State Revolving Fund program, the Connecticut Leaking Underground Storage Tank Fund, developer purchase funds, tax increment financing, foundation grants, and enterprise zone designations. Additionally, the BCRLF Pilot will receive staff time, and other administrative support from the Valley Regional Planning Agency, the Naugatuck Valley Development Corporation, and participating municipalities.

Use of BCRLF Pilot funds must be in accordance with CERCLA, and all CERCLA restrictions on use of funding also apply to BCRLF funds.
